

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS
IN THE 1990s**

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NOTES

The data in this study cover fiscal years 1990 through 1999 (the period from October 1, 1989, through September 30, 1999). That period is referred to in the text as “the 1990s.” In some cases, information about fiscal year 2000 (October 1, 1999, to September 30, 2000) is included when appropriate. Unless otherwise indicated, all years referred to in this study are fiscal years.

The report uses Congressional Budget Office scorekeeping data on supplemental appropriations and rescissions. Those data represent transfers between accounts as supplemental appropriations net of rescissions.

Numbers in the text and tables may not add up to totals because of rounding.

Preface

This Congressional Budget Office (CBO) study—prepared at the request of the Senate Committee on the Budget—describes the size and content of supplemental appropriation laws from fiscal year 1990 through 1999. It also examines the extent to which those supplemental appropriations were offset by rescissions. The study updates two previous CBO publications: *Supplemental Appropriations in the 1970s* (July 1981) and *Supplemental Appropriations in the 1980s* (February 1990). It incorporates information from those reports to show trends in supplemental appropriations over the past three decades.

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